(c) Reserve Bank of India has not issued any guidelines in this regard.

Approval of Tripura School Education Project

2044. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the governing body of OPEC Fund for International Development approved the Tripura School Education Project and sanctioned an amount of ten million U.S. dollars bearing 1 percent interest per annum;

(b) if so, whether Government of Tripura has received any fund for the implementation of the said project from the External Agency; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The OPEC Fund was advised to cancel the proposed loan for the Tripura School Education Project as the proposed project does not fit in the framework of guidelines of Central Advisory Board on Education.

Externally Aided Projects submitted by NE States

2045. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects under Externally Aided Projects (EAP) submitted by the North-Eastern States, especially Tripura for the approval of the Central Government and release of funds by the External Agencies; and

(b) the number of these which have been aproved and the fund released project-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The details of ongoing State Sector Externally Aided Projects in North East including Tripura is given in Annexure *[See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 60] Besides there are Central Sector Projects under implementation in the North East. The status of proposals from North Eastern states for External assistance is given in the Annexure.